Enactment of SEZ Legislation/Bill

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many Special Economic Zone (SEZ) projects were approved so far by the Government;

(b) when would the Legislation/Bill be enacted for SEZ;

(c) how many SEZ were converted from Export Processing Zones (EPZs); and

(d) how many SEZ were sanctioned in Karnataka and what is the status of those project; is there a proposal to establish a SEZ at Hubli-Dharwad?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) Approvals have so far been granted for setting up of 38 Special Economic Zones (SEZs) in the private/ joint sector or by the State Government and its agencies on the basis of proposals received from them.

(b) It is proposed to enact a legislation for the SEZs covering all aspects of their establishment, operation and fiscal regime, shortly.

(c) All the 8 functioning Export Processing Zones have been converted into SEZs.

(d) Approvals have been given for establishment of 2 SEZs in Karnataka, as per the details given below:

Location	Name of promoter	Date of Approval	Status of implementation
Hassan	Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board	08.08.2003	Joint venture partner under realization Formation of special purpose vehicle to implement the project is in progress
Baikampady	Kanara Chamber of Commerce and Industry	08.08.2003	

, There is no proposal to set up any new SEZ by the Central Government No proposal has also been received from the private sector/State Government for establishment of an SEZ at Hubli-Dharward.